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1. No changes were observed at the headquarters in the restricted area on Roeblin Lake in Fuerstenberg (S 54/U 62) prior to 14 March 1951. Numerous officers and women wearing uniforms or civilian clothes were seen entering the restricted area, both on foot and in vehicles. Among the officers during a one-hour period, there were eight colonels; two with tank insignia, two with infantry insignia, one with artillery insignia, one with technical troops' insignia, one with red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia, and one with medical insignia. Motor vehicles observed in 50X1-HUM the restricted area

2. Many wires still led to the restricted area on Bahlenseestrasse in the center of the city. A few officers from all branches of service, and motor vehicles were observed in the restri 50X1-HUM area.

3. The Fuerstenberg castle continued to be used as a military hospital. Jeep 50X1-HUM was parked in front of the castle.

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4. Sentries at the tank repair shop in the former factory on Zehdenicker Strasse wore tank insignia. The noise of work was heard from the workshops. T-44 tank and T-44 tank stood in front of a workshop. Six 50X1-HUM tank officers, one technical officer and motor vehicles repair shop. *

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5. The buildings in the restricted area west of the Fuerstenberg railroad station, including a building of the nationalized mill, were guarded by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The buildings were apparently used for the stockpiling of equipment.

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6. Although the aggregate number of troops in the hutment between the Fuerstenberg-Lychen road and railroad line remained the same, a greater proportion of troops wear black-bordered black epaulets than those wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 14 March, the latter numbered about 150 and the former, some of whom were also signal insignia, about 100. Truck [redacted] was parked in the billeting area. Vehicles occupied about 50 percent of the garages. The fenced-in depot, bordering on the hutment on the east, was guarded by sentries inside the fence. A tank truck flying a red flag was parked at the depot. [redacted]

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[redacted]

7. The outer area of the former concentration camp on the north shore of Schwedt Lake contained the following installations:

a. A motor vehicle repair shop opposite the intersection of Westendestrasse and Westoststrasse. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets. Trucks occupied about 60 percent of the garage. A repair shop vehicle stood in the yard.

b. Quarters of signal troops on the north side of Westoststrasse. These were still occupied by troops. The troops wore red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets, most of them had signal insignia. There was no training activity.

c. A depot in the former sawmill in the western portion of the area. It was guarded by a detail of six soldiers. They wore redbordered black epaulets and were equipped with submachine guns. Trucks [redacted] were parked at the depot. No activity was observed in connection with the underground depot which bordered on the installation.

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d. A long garage on the road branching off to the southeast. Guards wore red-bordered black epaulets. The garage was occupied.

e. Officers' billets on the shore of the lake, no changes were observed.

f. Officers' billets and offices at the cross-roads. There was only light raffic of officers of all branches of service and MI observed there. Motor vehicles [redacted] were identified.

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8. The noise of repair work and running motors was heard from the inner area of the concentration camp installation on the north shore of Schwedt Lake. Only a few soldiers, who wore red-bordered black epaulets, were observed. Fire truck [redacted] left the installation. Hardly any movements were observed in the hutment east of the concentration camp. Six empty gondola cars were shunted to the hutment on the railroad spur. Sentries at a radar installation wore black-bordered black epaulets. The radar equipment did not move, even when two Soviet bombers flew over it. Four soldiers at a nearby house wore red-bordered black epaulets.

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9. There were only about 500 troops in the barracks installation in Droegen on 14 March. Since the number of vehicles there had also decreased, source concluded that some of the troops had left the installation for field exercises. Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets. Several officers, who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, were seen in the billeting area. The newly constructed sheds still contained trucks on blocks, but there were about 30 fewer trucks previously seen there. There were 15 trucks in the barracks yard. A radio truck occupied by two soldiers and equipped with a rod antenna 3 to 4 meters long, was parked between the barracks buildings. In the afternoon of 14 March, about 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and organized into three units of equal size were drilling, at the same time about 30 soldiers carrying pencil and paper, led by a lieutenant with artillery insignia, left the installation for the drill field. Motor vehicles 50X1-HUM
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area. ***

* Comment. The report indicates no changes in the occupation 50X1-HUM
of Fuerstenberg. 50X1-HUM

** Comment. confirms the 9th Sig Regt of the Second 50X1-HUM
Gds Mecz Army in Fuerstenberg until 26 February 1951.
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*** Comment. It is believed that the 34th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt, of 50X1-HUM
the 12th Gds Tank Div from the barracks installation in Droegen, 50X1-HUM
was engaged in a short period of field training on 14 March 1951.
Other component units of the 12th Gds Tank Div from Neuruppin were probably with them. Confirmation was received
of the 34th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt on a 50X1-HUM
train en route from Neuruppin to Neustadt.
The training area of these units has not been determined. The 50X1-HUM
return of the troops from Neuruppin upon completion of the training period has already been reported. 50X1-HUM

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